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Klein Discusses Economic Recovery with Broward Business Workshop

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Ron Klein (FL-22) joined over 350 businesspeople, elected officials and community leaders from Broward County to discuss job creation in South Florida and local economic recovery. Klein addressed the Broward Workshop's "State of the County" breakfast meeting in Davie, covering topics including the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, his role on the House Financial Services Committee and the critical oversight of federal TARP funding to American banks.

"I have been listening to dozens of local elected officials, community leaders and business people who are committed to creating jobs locally and getting our economy turned around," Klein said in his address. "We have taken critical steps, from the Recovery Act to bank stabilization funding and the essential oversight that it requires, but the most important actions are not the ones that happen in Washington. The most important parts of our recovery will be built here in South Florida, by business leaders like you. I look forward to working with all of you in the weeks and months ahead."

Klein provided the business leaders with information on applying for competitive grants for local job creation through the Recovery Act, and encouraged them to review the detailed "how-to" manual prepared by his office and posted on his website at www.klein.house.gov.

Klein spoke prior to a panel discussion led by Mike Jackson, CEO of AutoNation, Broward County Mayor Stacey Ritter and Terry Stiles, CEO of Stiles Construction. The Broward Workshop is a non-profit business organization made up of leaders representing 100 of Broward County's major businesses and professions. It includes leaders of large corporations as well as smaller businesses, which make up the backbone of the South Florida economy.